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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed **December 19, 2000**, in conjunction with the above-captioned patent application, and having a statutory period for response of **March 19, 2000**, with a one month extension of time to and through **April 19, 2000**, please reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE ABSTRACT

At page 27, replace the first full paragraph (spans lines 1-9) with the